

VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON REFERENDUM QUESTION

Require Majority Vote to Increase Council Compensation

BALLOT SUMMARY: The original 1995 Charter permits Council to approve an increase in Council Compensation with not less than four (4) affirmative votes. The proposed amendment permits Council to increase its compensation by a majority vote. Such increase would not take effect until the commencement of the terms following the next regular election.

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Charter be amended to allow Council Compensation to be increased by majority vote?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Filling of Vacancies for Mayor and Councilmembers

BALLOT SUMMARY: The Charter currently treats the filling of vacancies in the offices of mayor and councilmembers differently. The proposed amendment would fill all vacancies in the same manner by providing that vacancies will not be filled if the unexpired term is less than 180 days and would require a special election if 180 days or more remain. It also provides that the vice mayor will serve as mayor until a new mayor is elected.

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall vacancies in the office of councilmembers be filled the same way as the mayor?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Requirement for Calling Special Meetings

BALLOT SUMMARY: The Charter currently allows the Mayor, or in his absence the Vice-Mayor, or a majority of the councilmembers to call a special meeting upon 72-hours' notice. The proposed amendment would require notice of special meetings in accordance with Florida law.

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Charter be amended to allow notice of special meetings pursuant to state law?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Referendum Power Where Adopted Millage Rate Exceeds 5 Mills

BALLOT SUMMARY: As written, the charter provision that allows a referendum if the millage rate exceeds 5 mills is unenforceable. While originally intended to keep the millage rate low, such a referendum would be without effect and could result in a waste of taxpayer money. The Florida Statutes and the charter already provide other means to challenge the millage rate.

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall this unenforceable referendum provision and references to it be removed?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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Deletion of Transition Schedule

BALLOT SUMMARY: The original Charter provided a number of provisions relating to the November, 1995 incorporation referendum and the transition from an independent special district to a municipality. The proposed amendment would eliminate the provisions relating to that transition because it has already occurred.

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the transition schedule from an independent special district to a municipality be removed?

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Inclusion of the Equestrian Preserve Area Within the Charter

BALLOT SUMMARY: The original Charter makes no reference to the Equestrian Preserve Area. The proposed amendment would permit landowners to apply to be voluntarily included in the Preserve Area upon majority vote by Council, but would prohibit removal of properties from the Equestrian Preserve Area without a super-majority vote.

BALLOT QUESTION: Shall the Charter be amended to include a provision protecting the Equestrian Preserve Area?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Actual language to be added to the Charter. There exists within the boundaries of the Village of Wellington an area designated as the Equestrian Preserve Area. The boundaries of the Equestrian Preserve Area shall consist of those areas designated as the Equestrian Preserve Area in Equestrian Element Map No. 1. Upon application by a property owner and review by the Equestrian Preserve Committee and Planning, Zoning and Adjustment Board, the Council may, by majority vote, expand the boundaries of the Equestrian Preserve Area, but such boundaries shall not be reduced except by super majority vote.